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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

David Waddell
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: *Generic Docket to Establish Generally Available Terms and Conditions
for Interconnection*
Docket 01-00526

Dear David:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen copies of a Petition to Intervene filed on behalf of the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") in the above-captioned proceeding. Please contact me or Whitney Malone with any questions.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

In Re: *Generic Docket to Establish*)
Generally Available Terms and Conditions) Docket No. 01-00526
for Interconnection)
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PETITION TO INTERVENE

The Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") petitions the Authority to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.

According to the Authority's June 21, 2001 order, the purpose of this docket is to streamline the interconnection process and mitigate difficulties that competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") may have in obtaining cost-based interconnection rates in a timely fashion. Members of SECCA are certified, competitive providers of local exchange service and frequently arbitrate the interconnection terms and conditions that are the subject of this docket. Therefore, members of SECCA will be affected by the outcome of this proceeding. Granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding.

An order granting the petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

For good cause shown, the Authority finds that the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association is entitled to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310. Members of SECCA are certified, competitive local exchange carriers in Tennessee and frequently arbitrate the interconnection terms and conditions that are the subject of this docket. The petition is therefore GRANTED.

Chairman

ATTEST:

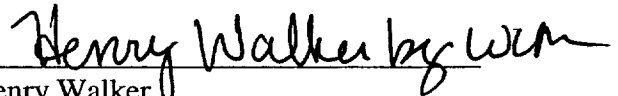
Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following on this the 7th day of August, 2001.

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